

Stimulus Update - Provided by Patrick Monahan at Feb 20, 2009 WYPCA Board Meeting

- Health Centers are expected to receive \$1.5 billon for capital construction and Health Information Technology projects. It is not yet determined how or when this money will be distributed. *All Health Centers would be eligible, early* indications point to Health Centers receiving an adjustment to their 2009 annual federal grant. Funding may be based on Health Center patients seen during 2008.
- Health Resources & Services Administration has 90 days from President Obama's February 17th, 2009 signature of the Stimulus Bill to develop procedures for distributing monies. Monies are intended for "shovel ready" projects (examples include: expand exam rooms, add services, HIT initiatives).
- Monies would be available sometime after mid-May. Anticipated projects would need to begin within 30-60 days of receiving funds (mid Summer), project completion could extend for up to two years.
- The WYPCA will consolidate a statewide list of proposed projects by location. This document would allow the board and the WYPCA to develop talking points in response to inquires from state and national parties who may inquire into how the Health Centers plan to spend stimulus monies.

Stimulus Update – Provided by Patrick Monahan to WYPCA Board March 10, 2009

- 1. Projects should be "shovel ready". Organizations wishing to pay down debt on a building or explore new leases are *highly discouraged* to do so with these monies.
- 2. The focus of projects should be job creation. The WYPCA has been advised to encourage use of the Davis Bacon http://www.gpo.gov/davisbacon/ prevailing wage when considering project bids. All construction funds must adhere to the federal procurement process.
- 3. It is not yet known if Health Centers will directly receive monies or become available through a competitive process. It is not known if there will be requirement for community/facility matching funds.

- 4. The WYPCA is working with the Wyoming Business Council to develop a standardized process for obtaining and evaluating bids. This will allow organizations to more effectively allocate monies.
- 5. The WYPCA was advised that clinics should plan projects with the intent of improving the clinic's ability to deliver either expanded services to current populations or new patients such as adding a dental clinic. Please be advised that if a Health Center formally adds a service to their scope of service without federal funds this may limit the ability to compete for future federal health center grants.
- 6. The WYPCA has offered to provide assistance to Health Centers in this process.

Increased Demand for Services Monies

HRSA will award up to \$340 million for one-time, 2-year funding in fiscal year (FY) 2009 to support IDS at existing sites and to provide supplemental payments for spikes in uninsured populations at health centers currently receiving operating grants under section 330 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 254b).

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All Health Centers would be eligible. All Health Centers are highly encouraged to apply for these monies. Grant process released last Friday (March 6th). Applications for funds required by March 16th, the reason is that HRSA is being asked to move monies very quickly. Grantees are highly encouraged to apply for monies; locations choosing not to do so are indirectly notifying HRSA that their clinic is adequately funded. A decision not to apply funding may jeopardize future funds.

There already is a list including organizations that have not made any effort to apply for funds. PCAs are asked to notify all grantees in their service region of the importance in making the application for funds.

Funds are two-year grants in additional to current federal funds. The process for calculating grant awards is provided below. The purposes of these funds are to generate new positions. Although not sustaining, it is possible to retain these staff members beyond the two years if a project generates monies through additional services. Grantees are encouraged to pursue agreements with specialty providers to expand services, if this option is elected Health Centers should add request a scope of service addition.

Potential Grant Award for Wyoming Health Centers

Health Centers will receive a baseline amount of \$100,000 each year for two years. Additionally clinics will receive \$6 per patient and an additional \$19 for each uninsured patient.

Year	Total Health Center Patients Statewide	% of Uninsured Health Center Patients Statewide	Baseline - \$100,000 (six clinics)	Additional \$6 per patient	Additional \$19 per uninsured patient	Total Potential Funding
2007	20,694	9,105	\$600,000	\$124,164	\$393,186	\$1,117,350
2008	21,211	9,333	\$600,000	\$127,268	\$403,016	\$1,130,284
2009	21,636	9,520	\$600,000	\$129,813	\$411,076	\$1,140,889
2010	22,068	9,710	\$600,000	\$132,410	\$419,297	\$1,151,707
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NOTES:

- 1. Health Center patients confirmed for 2007 ONLY, 2008 not yet confirmed, 2008-10 estimated.
- 2. Funds available *ONLY* to Health Centers operational prior to January 1, 2009.
- 3. Estimated figures assume annual 2% increase in Health Center patients. Most of the growth attributed to 2008 as the Riverton Community Health Center's first full year of operation.
- 4. Estimated figures assume a 40% rate of uninsured patients for 2009 & 2010 receiving care through a Wyoming Health Center.

State Update

- Governor's Office and Department of Health no surprises on Stimulus monies. The WYPCA has had conversations with the State Medicaid Office Dr. Bush (HIT funding) and Teri Green (overall Stimulus monies).
- The Governor's office will need to sign for all Stimulus monies including entitlement programs where funds are provided directly to programs? In addition the State Auditor's office will be tracing fund expenditures through http://recovery.org/. The intent is to ensure programs are using money in support of economic stimulation.

- Partnering key with hospital association and rural health clinics as they are not recipients of these funds---how do we leverage monies for these groups.
- Inclusion with state's HIT initiative, could possibly integrate with current systems.

60th Wyoming Legislature - 2009 Interim Committee Studies

- Joint Appropriations Committee -- Priority #: 6 Community Health Centers
- The Committee will request the department of health to evaluate community health center financing and present its view of the potential those centers hold for Wyoming.
- Source: http://legisweb.state.wv.us/2009/2009Studies.htm
- Excellent opportunity to demonstrate the value of Health Centers to state decision makers.

Federal Update

- President Obama has openly stated that contracting processes will be scrutinized.
 Affirmed through discussions by the WYPCA with National Association of Community Health Centers and HRSA.
- New administrator in place Mary Wakefield, change in direction???
- Key Question: What impact will receipt of or declination of funds have on future additional clinic locations here in Wyoming?
- WYPCA and Health Centers have an opportunity to demonstrate to Wyoming federal delegates how Stimulus Monies benefit existing and possibly new Health Center locations.
- Locations that would be interested in future Health Center funding:

Carbon County?	• Lusk
• Evanston	Rock Springs
Gillette - Northern tier (Sundance, Moorcroft)	• Thermopolis